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1. The Novkabel factory, located at Lapasionarija Street No. 3 and 4, which was privately owned before the war but was later nationalized, did not operate at full capacity until 1947. At this time the machinery which was ordered arrived and the factory was enlarged. It is now one of the largest of its kind in Yugoslavia. 50X1-HUM
2. The factory covers an area of 150 square meters, and is surrounded by a stone wall two meters high, the top of which is covered with broken glass. Guards to protect the factory are provided by the industrial militia.
3. Until 1947 the Novkabel factory was largely engaged in projects concerning electrical installations. At this time, however, actual production was initiated, the main product being high-tension cable and cable to be used for the overhead system. The plan for 1950 called for the production of 1,500 kilometers of cable for the overhead system, and a somewhat smaller amount of high-tension cable. The latter year saw a heavy production of various types of telephone, telegraph and electric wire. The average daily output of wire amounted to 75 rolls of 60 meters per roll. However, the wire's resistance to adverse weather conditions is very low, and measures have been taken by the factory directorate to improve its quality. Other factory products include insulators of all types and sizes. The daily production norm calls for 1,400 units of ordinary insulators 6 centimeters long by 2.5 centimeters in diameter.
4. The Novkabel factory is also engaged in projects of electrification of neighboring villages. In 1948 the factory installed approximately 120 kilometers, and in 1949 approximately 135 kilometers of an overhead system. The mounting, or installations, section of the factory which does this work, also installs local electric power plants.

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5. Dominant materials employed by the factory are scrap iron, copper and bronze. The Bor mine installation, which has important business connections with the factory, supplied the latter with 150,000 kilograms of copper and bronze in 1950. The scrap iron is recast in the foundry of the factory and then forwarded to the production shops. By using this form of iron, the factory saved 17 million dinars in 1949.
6. The factory income, which amounts to 300 million dinars annually, is much less than could be earned when considering the capacity and output of the factory. However, heavy orders are paid for in advance and, as a result, the factory does not have to seek credit.
7. There are no spare parts for the machinery. The Novkabel factory comprises the following sections:
- Foundry, where insulators are cast and cooled;
 - Insulating section, where rubber insulating tape is wound onto the wires;
 - Section where a fabric insulator (probably asbestos) is added to the rubber-taped wire;
 - Wire-drawing section, where various types of wire are drawn;
 - Waxing or pitch section, where the last phase of production is carried out;
 - Small foundry; and
 - Machine-locksmith shop.
8. The factory employs six Germans, two of whom are engineers, and the remainder specialists in this type of work. The total number of workers is 1,200, and of this number 124 are office workers. The following are listed among the personnel employed in the factory directorate:
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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| a. Director: | Eng. Dragan Jevtic |
| b. Assistant Director: | Slobodan Buzadjic |
| c. Personnel Manager: | Katarina Popovic |
| d. Chief of Supplies and Sales: | Stevan Pustac |
| e. Chief of Power Supply: | a certain Pjevcevic |
| f. Chief Engineer: | Rudolf Hledger |
| g. Chief of Planning: | Ivan Simic |
9. The following is a legend to the attached sketch:
- Foundry for casting of insulators;
 - Insulating-tape section;
 - Fabric-insulating section;
 - Wire-drawing section;
 - Waxing section;
 - Small foundry;
 - Machine-locksmith shop;

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- 8) Unidentified (Odzak); and
- 9) Administrative building.

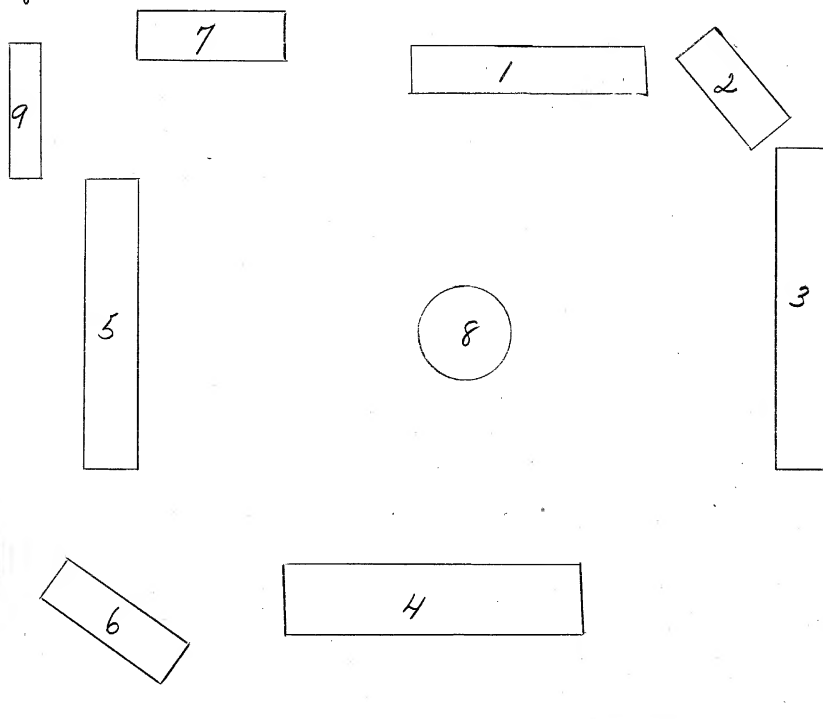
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